

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 12, 15-18, 20-22, 25-28, 30 and 31 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 being independent.

The independent claims have been amended to further distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited art. In addition, Claims 13, 14, 19, 23, 24 and 29 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 12-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Aratani '675. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 of Applicants' invention relates to a display apparatus displaying images from a plurality of information processing apparatuses, and includes image inputting means for inputting respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses, display controlling means for constructing on a display screen display regions in which respective images corresponding to the image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses are displayed, and inputting means for inputting a signal containing coordinate information corresponding to a position on the display screen. Determining means determines an information processing apparatus to which converted information is sent, based on the inputted input signal, and means sends the converted information to the determined information processing apparatus. As claimed, the converted information is converted from the coordinate information such that the determined information processing apparatus can use the converted information as coordinate information without using information indicating where the display region in which the image signal outputted by the determined information processing

apparatuses is positioned on the display screen. As amended, Claim 1 sets forth that the inputting means is positioned over a display surface of the display screen.

Claims 6 and 11 relate to a method for controlling a display apparatus and a program for making a computer perform control of a display apparatus displaying images, respectively, and correspond substantially to Claim 1. These claims have thus also been amended to recite that the signal inputting device is positioned over a display surface of the display screen.

Claim 12 relates to a display apparatus performing display based on a first image signal, which is an image signal from a first information processing apparatus that performs a predetermined information processing based on a coordinate signal representing a predetermined position on a screen displayed on the basis of a signal outputted by the first information processing apparatus, and a second image signal, which is an image signal from a second information processing apparatus that performs a predetermined information processing based on a coordinate signal representing a predetermined position on the screen displayed on the basis of a signal outputted by the second information processing apparatus. The display apparatus includes a receiving circuit receiving the first image signal and the second image signal, a coordinate information receiving circuit receiving signals from a coordinate input device that transforms into a signal an indicated position on a display surface on which a screen based on the first image signal and a screen based on the second image signal are displayed, and a circuit for converting the signal inputted from the coordinate input device into the converted coordinate information. In addition, a communication circuit sends the converted information to

the information processing apparatus, wherein the converted information sent to the first information processing apparatus has coordinate information which can be used in the first information processing apparatus without using information indicating where the screen based on the first image signal is positioned on the display device, and the converted information sent to the second information processing apparatus has coordinate information which can be used in the second information processing apparatus without using information indicating where the screen based on the second image signal is positioned on the display surface. Similar to the other independent claims, Claim 12 has been amended to recite that the coordinate input device is positioned over a display surface of the screen.

In accordance with Applicants' claimed invention, a high performance and easy to use display apparatus can be provided.

As discussed in the Preliminary Amendment of July 22, 2005, the patent to Aratani is directed to a display control apparatus for controlling a multi-window display of data input from a plurality of image sources. A display point controller 21 forms a packet of X and Y information of a joy stick 24 at a predetermined interval and converts the packet into an infrared signal, from which X and Y information is derived. If the X and Y information is relative coordinate values, this information is converted into absolute coordinate values which are supplied to a bus controller 8. To establish the X and Y coordinates, Aratani uses formulas as shown, for example, in column 11, lines 47-51.

Initially, it is respectfully submitted that Aratani does not use converted information in the manner set forth in Applicants' independent claims. Moreover, Aratani also

fails to teach or suggest providing a coordinate input device that is positioned over the display surface of the screen. Instead, Aratani uses a joystick or a mouse which is not placed over the display surface of the screen.

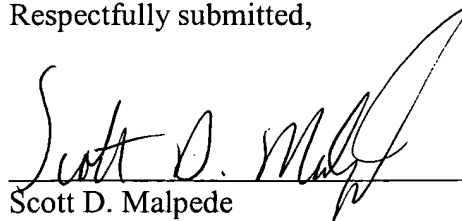
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Therefore, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-4, 7-9, 15-18, 20-22, 25-28, 30 and 31 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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